

Report of the Board of Management meeting of 10th December 2019

Present: Madeline O'Connell, Gary Cunnane, Sr. Mary Corr, Amanda Soares, Lil Bruen, Mary Colleary, Yvonne Hanbury, Eileen Ryan, Jarlath Burke,

Apologies received from: Jimmy McClearn, Pat Gilmore, Nora Fahy,

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 6th November were adopted.

Matters arising:

E Ryan confirmed that the CPD account in the Credit Union has been closed and lodged to the school's main Number 1 account.

Madeline O'Connell and Eileen Ryan attended the recent FSSU workshop for Finance Committee members and gave a synopsis of the information.

Correspondence:

- An invitation was issued to any Board member interested in attending this years ACCS Convention in Killarney.
- Nomination request was received from Mr. Paul Fiorentini for President of ACCS. It was agreed to support this request.
- Breakfast Club Compliance Audit report – school was compliant and is operating the scheme in accordance with the Dept's terms and conditions.
- Application for assistance towards the cost of CPD was approved.

Finance Committee Report:

Amanda Soares (elected Chairperson of the FC) gave the report of the Finance Committee. A Soares gave an account of work done by the Finance Committee at a meeting on 9th Dec – to include going through the checklist as per FSSU guidelines and FC terms of reference. A summary report was presented to each person in their pack and all reports were made available to the meeting, should anyone wish to examine them further. E Ryan answered a query on "Education Salary" and informed the Board that the Musical had broken even financially. A full breakdown of costs will be available at the next meeting. E Ryan and M O'Connell highlighted that there have been a number of costly maintenance issues in the recent months.

Prinicpal's Report:

Eileen Ryan presented the Principal's Report to those present, highlighting all activities which occurred in the school since the previous Board meeting. This included all payments made through the OLCS and all personal days granted to staff. A number of student achievements were commended. The Board was pleased with the outcome of the SWS 2017 compliance audit, which gave an oral report of a pass. No written report will be received. The Board welcomed the introduction of the Damien Carty Award for PLC students, which took place at the recent PLC Graduation and was attended by members of the Carty family. A discipline update was also included in the Principal's report.

School Self Evaluation:

The SSE report consisted of an analysis of the JC results. The main points were highlighted by E Ryan will further detail available for members to read in their own time. A big improvement was seen in HL uptake in Gaeilge and Maths. German remains the most popular language. There still remains a gender imbalance in the practical subjects which all teachers of those subjects are actively trying to address. The vast array of

subjects on offer to students was complimented and it was agreed that this is a very strong selling point for the school.

Policy Review – School trips:

Following a discussion on the contents of the policy, it was decided to defer any decision to ratify it until all members had the opportunity to read Circular M20/04 to ensure that our policy is fully compliant.

Mandatory Reporting:

1. Bullying Report – An account of all bullying investigations was given.
2. The Child Protection Oversight Report.
3. State Claims Agency – A report of all submissions made to the SCA since the last meeting was presented.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th February at 4.30pm.

Madeline thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a happy and peaceful Christmas. The meeting was then closed.